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## **Governor Jan Brewer Announces New Acting Director for the Department of Water Resources**

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced Sandra Fabritz-Whitney will serve as Acting Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). The current Director, Herb Guenther, will remain on staff and serve as Special Advisor to the Acting Director.

"I am pleased today to announce the appointment of Ms. Sandra Fabritz-Whitney as Acting Director of the Department of Water Resources," said Governor Brewer. "Sandy has been a committed part of Arizona's water management strategies for many years, and has well-served the citizens of our State in multiple Administrations."

Ms. Fabritz-Whitney has served as Assistant Director of the agency's Water Management Division since June of 2005 where she has overseen the implementation of Arizona's Groundwater Code through managing groundwater in Active Management Areas. Primary areas of responsibility include oversight of the statewide well program, the assured and adequate water supply program, the recharge and recovery program, long-range planning and data analysis section, and compliance of water rights in the five Active Management Areas in the State of Arizona.

Prior to joining the department, Ms. Fabritz-Whitney served as Technical Administrator at the Arizona Water Banking Authority as well as Phoenix Active Management Area Assistant Area Director and Lead Municipal Planner. She has worked directly in the Agricultural, Industrial, and Municipal Conservation Programs, the Assured Water Supply Program, and has assisted in Special Planning assignments. She began working at ADWR as an intern prior to graduation in 1993. Ms. Fabritz-Whitney earned her Bachelor's degree in Environmental Resources in Agriculture from Arizona State University.

Mr. Guenther has served as director of the department since February of 2003. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Guenther was a member of the State Senate and was employed for 22 years with Wellton Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District in southwestern Arizona. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

"Herb has served the Department and the State well for many years, and will continue to do so," said Governor Brewer. "His tremendous knowledge, experience, and wit are assets to our citizens."

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